

In Claim 9, line 6, delete "any of the claims 1 to 8" and insert --Claim 1--.

Please amend Claims 11 and 12 as follows:

11. (Amended) Use of an additive according to [any of the] claim[s] 1[-8].

12. (Amended) Use of an additive according to [any of] claim[s] 1[-8] as a component
in gypsum.

IN THE DECLARATION:

Please delete the Title on the first page of the Declaration and Power of Attorney and
replace it with the following Title:

~~ADDITIVE FOR SPECIAL PLASTERS AND MORTARS, COMPOSITIONS
CONTAINING THE ADDITIVE AND UTILIZATION OF THE ADDITIVE IN
SPECIAL PLASTERS AND MORTARS~~

REMARKS

The above amendments are submitted herewith to reduce multiple dependencies and
to conform the claims more closely to U.S. practice.

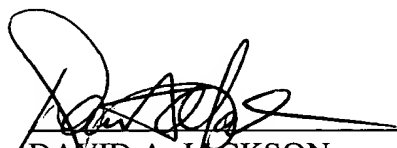
The amendments made herein are with respect to Claims 1-12, which claims were
amended during the pendency of the International Application and included in the
International Preliminary Examination Report. A copy of the Preliminary Examination
Report is enclosed herewith and attached hereto. Applicant requests that these claims be
considered as of record presently and therefore correspond to the claims as originally
presented in the processing of the present application in the National Phase before the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office. To assure that the most current and accurate copy of the instant
application is placed before the Examiner for substantive consideration, Applicants submit
herewith a full copy of the Application with the amendments made therein. Applicant also

submits a copy of the claims amended during International processing marked up with the changes made in the present Preliminary Amendment. The changes made during International processing are believed to be appropriate and are not believed to raise the issue of new matter, and entry and favorable consideration and substantive examination thereof is accordingly requested.

The Title has been amended on the enclosed Specification and the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Certain errors occurred during the translation of the Title into English and the correct translation is that which is set forth on the front page of the International Published Application.

Confirmation that Claims 1-12 as attached are already the claims as filed and pending herein, entry of the foregoing amendments and early and favorable processing in the National Phase before the United States Patent and Trademark Office are courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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